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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed, April 8, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and reconsideration of the pending claims.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-42 and add new claims 43 to 60.

Claims (1-42) – Cancelled

43. (New) A stopper comprising an injection-mouldable material made of a combination of butyl based rubber and a thermoplastic polymer, characterized in that the butyl based rubber is present in an amount of 70-90 % by weight and the thermoplastic polymer is present in an amount of 30-10 % by weight wherein the thermoplastic polymer is selected from the group of polyolefines consisting of polypropylene and polyethylene and wherein the combination of the butyl based rubber and the